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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY):

FINNISH DELEGATIONS

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- 1. BECAUSE OF IMMINENT FALL OF GOVERNMENT HEAD OF FINNISH DELEGATION TO WCIWY HAS NOT YET BEEN SELECTED. EMBASSY WILL REPORT, WITH BIOGRAPHIC DATA, AS SOON AS APPOINTMENT MADE. REST OF DELEGATION IS LISTED IN SUCCEEDING PARAGRAPHS WITH BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE. ONE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY MEMBER WILL BE APPOINTED NEXT WEEK.
- 2. VICE CHAIRMAN: KLAUS TORNUUDD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL DIVISION, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. TORNUDD IS 43 AND HAS SERVED ABROAD AT THE UN, CAIRO, MOSCOW AND CSCE. HE LEFT FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1967 TO ASSUME PROFESSORSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AT TAMPERE UNIVERSITY RETURNING IN 1971. HE IS NOW ONE OF OUR PRINCIPAL CONTACT AT FOREIGN MINISTRYINTELLIGENT, CAUTIOUS, HIGHLY RESPECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES, BUT SOMEWHAT SHY EVEN FOR A FINN. A RELIABLE AND DISCREET CONTACT, SYMPATHETIC TO US INTERESTS.

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3. VICE CHAIRMAN: ERIK TORNQVIST, AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO.

TORNQVIST IS ALMOST 60 AND IS NOT FROM CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE. HE HAS IMPRESSIVE EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. DEPARTMENT AND MEXICO CITY HAVE FULL BIO DATA.

- 4. MEMBER: HILKKA PIETILA, SECRETARY-GENERAL FINNISH UNITED NATIONS LEAGUE. MISS PIETILA IS ABOUT 40 AND AFFILIATED WITH THE CENTER PARTY. SHE HAS SPECIALIZED IN UN AFFAIRS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
- 5. MEMBER: ULLA GYLLENBERG, CHAIRMAN, SWEDISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION. MRS. GYLLENBERG IS 45 AND A PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST WHO HAS TAKEN A SPECIAL INTEREST IN HEALTH QUESTIONS. SHE IS A SWEDISH PEOPLE'S PARTY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HELSINKI CITY COUNCIL.
- 7. DEPUTY MEMBER: ELSI HETEMAKI, VICE CHARIMAN, CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION. MRS. HETEMAKI IS 45 AND A MEMBER OF FINNISH PARLIAMENT SINCE 1970. BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS SHE WAS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER. ENERGETIC, ATTRACTIVE AND ARTICULATE SHE IS PRO-AMERICAN IN HER OUTLOOK.
- 8. DEPUTY MEMBER: TUULIKKI KANNISTO,EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS SECRETARY, METALWORKERS' UNION. MRS. KANNISTO IS 34 AND HAS BEEN A TRADE UNION AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ACTIVIST SINCE HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. SHE HAS A DEGREE IN ADULT EDUCATION AND SPEAKS ENGLISH. IN 1974 SHE MADE MONTH-LONG VISIT TO US AT INVITATION OF IAM AND UAW. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE HELSINKI'S 763 OF APRIL 17,1974.
- 9. DEPUTY MEMBER: LEILA RASANEN, SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMISSION ON EQUALITY. MRS. RASANEN IS ABOUT 30 AND A MEMBER OF THE FINNISH COMMUNIST PARTY'S PARLIAMENTARY FRON ORGANIZATION -- THE FINNISH PEOPLES' DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE. AN ACTIVIST IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF THE 1973 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN FINNISH SOCIETY. SHE WAS ONE OF TWO FINNISH REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THE EXPERTS MEETING OF THE OECD MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MITTEE IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER 1973.

10. EXPERT MEMBER: KAIJA KAHILAINEN, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MISS KAHILAINEN IS 33. SHE JOINED THE MINISTRY IN 1971 AND HAS NOT SERVED ABROAD.

11. EXPERT MEMBER: ANJA-TIITTA KETOKOSKI, FIRST

SECRETARY, FINNISH PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. MISS KETOKOSKI IS 31 AND A MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY SINCE 1966. SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN BRUSSELS AND PARIS.

12. EXPERT MEMBER: HANNU UUSI-VIDENOJA, ATTACHE AT FINNISH EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY. UUSI-VIDENOJA IS 27 AND SERVING IN HIS FIRST OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENT. HOUSTON

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